



# ***Town of Weare Parks and Recreation***

***Meeting Minute  
December 13, 2011***

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: ~7:10PM**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Jim Blouin, Gene Propper, Chuck Metcalf, Valerie King, Melissa Drury, Randy Magoon, and Mike Housman (Coordinator)

## **COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

- **Lawn Care Contract:** Two bids were submitted to the town for the lawn care contract. The contract was ultimately awarded to Big Dog Landscaping. A discussion ensued among PARC members regarding the fact that the BOS did not seek input from PARC (or other committees impacted by this decision) regarding the award of this contract as well as other relevant decisions made in the past. While PARC understands that the final decision falls to the BOS, they do expect BOS to seek and consider the PARC's recommendations in such matters.

*Chuck made a motion for the PARC members to submit a letter to the BOS Chairman, Tom Clow, regarding the Committee's disappointment in the Board's decision to award the lawn care contract without first seeking and considering input from PARC. The motion was seconded by Randy. Vote: 6-0-0. Motion Carried.*

- **Skating Rink:** The boards are up on the skating rink. The liner is expected to arrive Friday morning. Public Works will be delivering the bleachers to the site in the near future. The Fire Department is prepared to fill the rink with water when the rink is ready for it (Saturday morning). The cost of the liner (including shipping) was \$971.88. The cost for the sand used to level the area for the rink was \$1260 (for 24 loads-360 yards). Public Works will be providing loam (to cover the sand so the area can be seeded) free of charge next year.

## **PARC MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO MEET AT 9AM ON SATURDAY (DEC 17th) TO FINISH SET-UP OF THE RINK**

- **Field Maintenance:** The fields have been winterized. The bill was \$235. The cost of the fertilizer that was purchased was \$46.99/bag. Due to the budget issues, the Town Administrator (TA) expressed concerns regarding the cost of using prisoners to rake the Gazebo area and Chase Park. This work should have been done by Cutting Blade as part of the lawn care contract, but was never done.

Discussion ensued regarding the wear and tear on the various fields due to over-use. Members considered the possibility of restricting the use of the football field at Bolton to games only in an effort to allow the grass to re-establish itself there.

Members also discussed possibly restricting the use of the soccer field next year for the same purpose.

*Chuck made a motion to inform the various sports groups that no one is to use the football field at Bolton until the grass can be re-established (as determined by Park).*

*Randy seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0-0. Motion carried.*

Mike will send an e-mail to all the sport organizations representatives to notify them of the new restrictions on the use of the football field. The field usage meeting will be held in March.

- Tennis Court: The nets have remained up per the request of users of this facility.

### **SNOWFLAKE FESTIVAL**

- The festival will be held on January 28th. Open Skate will be from 1-3PM and the festival itself (with music) will be from 3-6PM.
- Plan is to have the Carl return again this year to provide the music.
- The Lions Club has asked Gene about selling cocoa at the ice rink. Gene will speak with Tom Reynolds/Lions Club to see if they would also be interested in selling food at the Festival.
- Jim will bring his fire pit and Chuck will supply the wood. Randy will bring his lights and Melissa will organize the events. Val will speak to Chuck Nelson about the HS hockey team interest in participating in a hockey demo.
- The members agreed that Dunkin' Donut gift certificates would be used for prizes: \$15/\$10/\$5 for 1st/2nd/3rd place.
- Notices of the event will be posted as follows: Mike will put a notice on Channel 6, the town website, the town hall sign and with the Goffstown News, Val will post a notice on the PARC facebook page, and Melanie will post flyers at local stores.
- Gene will speak to Naomi about getting a porta-potty for the rink area.

*Chuck made a motion to finance up to \$300 for the Snowflake Festival. Randy seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0-0. Motion carried.*

### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

*Chuck made a motion to accept the October minutes as written. Motion seconded by Randy. Vote: 6-0-0. Motion carried.*

*Chuck made a motion to accept the November minutes with edits as noted by Gene (via e-mail). Motion seconded by Randy. Vote: 6-0-0. Motion carried.*

**MEETING ADJOURNED: ~8:13PM**